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"*Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that which is evil continually.*" BOOK OF MORMON, MORONI 7: 12.

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THE TESTIMONY OF GOOD WORKS*

PRESIDENT CHARLES W. NIBLEY

IT IS ALWAYS a refreshing sight to witness the large congregation of Latter-day Saints who regularly attend these conferences—men and women who come filled with a determination to serve the Lord and to help build up His kingdom; who know in their souls that the Lord has spoken in these last days through His servants, that He has revealed His will through the ministration of holy angels, heavenly beings, and that He has established His Priesthood in the Church with divine authority to give guidance to the people.

I endorse most heartily the remarks of our President, Heber J. Grant, and President Anthony W. Ivins. They are for our benefit and our blessing if we will follow them. I am always glad to report that the Church is growing, that it is increasing in numbers, and I believe that we as a people are increasing in faith. We have heard from the President as to the good work you are performing in the building of meeting houses, and the amount of tithing of the Church that has been contributed for that purpose. A people no more numerous, no more rich than we are, who will contribute more than two million dollars a year for the building of meeting houses have a whole lot of good in them. The Latter-day Saints believe their religion after all. We do not practise it as we should. We are not perfect by any manner of means.

*From an address delivered at the opening session of the Ninety-ninth Semi-annual Conference, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., October 5th, 1928.

But we and our fathers before us are of those who have listened to the voice of the Spirit and are really converted to the truth.

A MORE LIBERAL FEELING

During the last week or two I have been away in the Northwestern States Mission, visiting with President Sloan, and I have noted with great pleasure the growth and development of the work in that section of the country. I have noted, too, the growth of a more liberal feeling among the people towards the Latter-day Saints. I might almost say that there is a spiritual awakening; for in Idaho the Governor of the State and other officials in their remarks made plainly manifest that they desire spiritual thought, spiritual teaching, in connection with their schools and colleges. They said that these things were lacking, and they were glad to see that in that State our Church was fostering spiritual development, spiritual thought. Not only is it true in that section of our land, but I think it is true in all sections of it. People are beginning to learn after all that the material alone is not sufficient, and that they must turn unto God.

As we have heard, the Lord has declared that the people, if they are to be maintained on this land, must be a people who will serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ. And I believe that slowly and gradually there is a more liberal spirit growing among the people, with an inclination in their hearts towards the things of God. The Lord will bring testimonies which will foster this feeling. After the testimony of the servants of God comes the testimony of earthquakes, the testimony of the sea heaving beyond its bounds, through perhaps the force of terrific winds; the testimony of destruction here and there. These I believe will be more manifest and will more and more bring the people to a realization that they of themselves are powerless, and that they must depend as a people and as a nation upon God.

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The favourable sentiment prevailing throughout the country concerning the Latter-day Saints calls for more missionaries. Missionaries are wanted everywhere. You bishops of wards and presidents of stakes, do you hear me? All over the Church the call is to you for missionaries, and still more missionaries. Write it down and do not forget it.

We have letters coming to us in the President's office concerning mining and mines, and among others, "dream" mines. Too many of our people, after thirty or forty years' experience, are still foolish enough to invest money in "dream" mines. If there is any man here or anywhere who will tell me that a "dream" mine has ever made money or is a success financially I would like to be informed of it. I have never heard of it.

So our advice to our people now, as it always has been, is to

spend your money wisely, not foolishly. Build up and beautify the country; beautify your homes. Spend your money where you know it is going to do some good. But mining, as President Young said in his time, is for those who understand it. Of course mining is good business. We need the metals—gold, silver, iron; they are all good. But if you have a farm, you tend to your farm. If you are in the dairy business attend to that. Build that up. Do not go speculating in something that you know nothing about; you are apt to lose your money every time. I speak from experience, for I have lost some myself, though not much; I was rather cautious, being born Scotch, and did not venture too much. But I lost what I did venture in mining.

I remember talking to Philo Farnsworth at least forty years ago; he was a successful mining man at that time; and I said:

"Philo, I am thinking of investing in a mine out at Baker City (where I was then living); what do you think about it?' I told him of the kind of mine it was represented to be.

He said: "Well, if you want to gamble, it is all right. But if you really want to gamble find a faro game. There are only fifty-two cards in a deck, so that in a faro game you have one chance in fifty-two, because you might hit the right card and there are only fifty-two of them. But in the mining game you have one chance in a hundred."

I took his advice and stayed out of mining. And so, I repeat, let mining or other business that we know nothing about alone, and especially "dream" mines. It is simply a wild dream, and you had better let it alone.

PEACE IS COMING

The winter is coming on, my brethren and sisters. Always we have men out of employment. Let me call the attention of the bishops of wards and presidents of stakes, the leading men of means in the communities, to the importance of trying to provide employment in all your settlements, towns and cities, to help those who are out of employment. Provide work for them if you can. If each one would try to help his neighbour a little, help his brother, we would be a better community and there would be more satisfaction and peace in it. That struggle for peace down through all the ages, which has been sung about, prayed about and prophesied about, is coming still. The world is getting nearer to the Millennium.

There may be terrible catastrophes, terrible judgments, wonderful things coming upon the earth after the testimony of the Elders; but peace also is coming. Our nation is striving for it. Other nations of the earth are signing up contracts, which may not amount to so much now, but it is all in the direction of peace, and I believe that the time will actually come when men will beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-

hooks, and nation will not take up war against nation, neither will they learn war any more. That time is coming, that blessed time that Burns, the poet, one hundred and fifty years ago sang of when he wrote:

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that;
. . . .
That man to man the warld o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that.

Amen.

HELPFUL HEALTH HINTS

Elder Weston N. Nordgren

In studying foods with the view of "eating to live" rather than "living to eat", we can profitably go to the garden and study the foods provided by Nature.

"Study the milky whey" and learn how to better your health. You can do this by drinking buttermilk. It is rich in food value.

"An eighteen carrot lunch is better than a heavily-plated repast." Truly—vegetables promote health; too much meat overloads the system with food poisons, predisposing it to disease.

"Fill your chocolate boxes with nuts and raisins." Put the natural iron and oil compounds into your body for strength and long life.

"Fresh fruits in the season thereof"—a bit of advice worth taking into our stomachs. Lemons, oranges, grapefruit, grapes, apples, peaches, pears—unlimited numbers of fresh, wholesome foods provided by Nature at all seasons of the year! Eat them—for health's sake! "By your fruits they shall know you!"

"Lettuce leaves are excellent for your book of health." Sandwich them in your salads, lunches, dinners. Keep young and fresh by eating green growing things! Celery is delicious too—and good.

"No all-wool Latter-day Saint will shrink from cold water." Drink lots of it—eight to twelve glasses full each day. Our bodies are largely made up of this vital fluid. Let us supply our systems with enough to drink—pure "Nature's wine"—cold water. In cold weather it may be taken hot and mixed with milk or flavoured with mint and mild herbs. But drink we must or pay the price of clogged eliminative organs.

"A good circulation is as important to us as to a publisher." Let us remember to "open the window" before we "throw out the chest."

Try to cut out all foods which promote the saying: "Out of the frying pan into a headache." Instead, "Eat fresh fish and watch

the scales go down." There are many better ways of preparing food than by frying it in an overdose of grease.

"Wise exercise at dawn helps the daily digest." And remember that "A groaning table invites to a moaning bed." "Potato bugs turn into fat idlers." If we wish health, we must keep vigorous, active and able to avoid tempting dishes which will incapacitate us now or later on in life.

Let us all try to live healthier lives by observing the Word of Wisdom and by studying and eating natural foods. Indeed, let us "Prove all things—and eat only that which is *food*." Let us take a lesson from Nature's book of life and health and improve upon our own.

WHAT PRICE SALVATION?

Elder Alma F. Spackman, Welsh District

Our life is but one short stage in the course of the soul's eternal progress—a link connecting the eternities past with the eternities yet to come. The purpose of our probation is that of education, training, trial and testing, whereby we demonstrate whether we will obey the commandments of the Lord our God, and so lay hold on the boundless opportunities for advancement in the eternal worlds, or whether we elect to do evil and forfeit the boon of citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

"For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labours."

In the spirit world man had advanced as far as his unembodied state would permit. Further advancement and achievement necessitated a new sphere of activity. A council of all the spirits in heaven was called and a plan of salvation formed—causing the morning stars to sing and the sons of God to shout for joy.

The plan resulted in the creation of this earth, with man upon it tabernacled in a body of flesh and bone, endowed with free agency and capacity for the choice of good or evil.

The purpose of Satan is to thwart this plan of salvation. To our first parents God gave commandments. Satan at once countered with sophistry and half-truths, tempting them by way of the flesh. Our Saviour likewise was tempted of Satan; first by way of the flesh, then for praise of men and worldly honour, and lastly, for desire for power, dominion and riches.

Satan has never since ceased his efforts to draw away the souls of men and bind them by taking away their free agency. The Gospel taught by the Saviour is the power of God unto salvation whereby we come to a knowledge of the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent—which promises to the faithful, eternal life.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The price of salvation is obedience to the ordained laws, ordinances and principles of the Gospel.

A SPUR TO DILIGENCE

Ben Webster, Varteg, Wales

It is calculated that the earth is inhabited by about one thousand millions of men, and that thirty-three years make a generation; it follows then, in that space of time approximately a thousand millions of men die. Therefore, the number of men who die on the earth amounts each year to 30,000,000; each day to 86,400; each hour to 3,600; each minute to 60; each second to 1.

This calculation is very striking! If the mortality be so great each year, and even each day, is it not probable that I myself may soon be one to pass on? At least, it is certain that this consideration leads me to most serious reflection: At this instant one of my fellow-creatures has departed from this world; and before an hour has elapsed, more than 3,000 souls shall have entered into eternity! What a motive to induce us to think often and seriously upon death.

And, may we not add, what a motive to stir religious diligence—not only to promote our own salvation but that of others! If 30 millions die in a year, and more than 20 millions of them be unbelievers in Christ, surely it becomes us to rouse to activity—to use all proper means, that the words of eternal life may be sent to them all.

Reader! What are you doing toward this great object? If nothing, begin to-day; if something, double your diligence. Remember, 60 are dying every minute—3,000 every hour—86,000 every day. Is there any time for trifling?

THE CONTESTS! MAY WE COUNT ON YOU?

Elder Alvin G. Pack

Ask yourself a question or two—am I guarding myself against the inroads of idleness, rust, decay? While I close my heart to evil, am I moulding my character or turning my thoughts to higher things? The answer of every Latter-day Saint should be that to-day has been bigger and greater than yesterday; that the soul has been given an opportunity to enlarge itself through some upbuilding effort.

The Mutual Improvement Association contests have been devised to help the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to grow, to play, and to develop physically and spiritually the God-given talents they possess. The contests are designed to create a more lively interest in this latter-day

work. Renewed efforts and activity accompany this new interest and we accordingly help ourselves by continued growth and advancement. Wholesome matching of powers encourages study and preparation, begets a higher sense of sportsmanship; and, after all, it gives strength to obey the commandments of the Gospel. In short, we become better members of the Church of God.

In one way, our slogan—"The Glory of God is Intelligence"—means healthy endeavour on our part towards intellectual growth and achievement. These, and many other lines of happy activity, are induced by whole-hearted participation in these contests. With your help they will succeed—may we count on you?

TRUTH

Truth is truth, wher'er 'tis found,
Whether picked up from the ground
From the dust and dirt and grime,
Or in polished sands of time.

Truth is truth, wher'er 'tis seen,
Though as diamonds it may gleam,
And sparkle and scintillate,
Or lie in unpolished state.

Truth is truth, wher'er 'tis heard,
Whether flying as a bird,
Far above among the clouds,
Or grim spectres it enshrouds.

Truth, my friend, comes before you,
Softly spreads its mantle o'er you,
And bids you to expect it.
Will you accept or reject it?

Do you close your eyes and ears,
Does it cause you bitter tears,
When it changes your emotions
And reverses former notions?

Great discoveries of the age,
Unannounced by bard or sage,
Have attained truth's position,
In spite of ev'ry opposition.

So this advice I give to you,
From whatever point of view
Truth comes upon your vision,
Hold it not in derision.

For truth is truth in all ages,
Whether seen by fools or sages.
Prove all things, hold fast the good.
God would save you if He could.

Salt Lake City, Utah. Harry H. Russell

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EDITORIAL

A BRITISH MISSION PRESIDENT

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the appointment by the First Presidency of a President of the British Mission (The United Kingdom and Ireland) will be welcome news to Elders and Saints in the British Isles. For some years, as the work has increased, the President of the European Mission (now including ten missions), who is also President of the British Mission, has found it difficult to meet fully the demands properly made upon his time and strength. Under the new arrangement the British Mission will have, as do all other missions, the full time of its own President; and the European missions generally will be able to secure, as required, the assistance of the President of the European Mission. The action taken, a forward step, will benefit all concerned and will promote greatly the latter-day cause in Europe.

Elder A. William Lund, who has been appointed President of the British Mission, will come as an old friend to his field of labour, for he spent two years of missionary service in the Newcastle District, where his genial personality is well remembered. During the twenty years that have since elapsed, Elder Lund has been active constantly in Church affairs, and is fully equipped in knowledge of the Gospel, administrative experience and spiritual understanding to labour among the intelligent and truth-loving people of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

The life career of President A. William Lund is full of service and without blemish. He was born August 10th, 1886, the son of the late President Anthon H. Lund; and was baptized when eight years of age. His education was obtained in the public schools, the Latter-day Saints' University and the University of Utah.

From his early boyhood he has taken part in Church affairs. Among the many positions held, he has been president of a Deacons' quorum, counselor in a Teachers' quorum and president of an Elders' quorum; librarian and assistant superintendent of a Sunday School, and assistant superintendent of a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. He was ordained an Elder in 1906, a Seventy in 1913 and a High Priest in 1914. For three years he was a counselor in the Bishopric of Sugar House Ward, and since 1917 has been a High Counselor in the Granite Stake of Zion.

Since April, 1911, President Lund has been one of the Assistant Historians of the Church, in charge of the priceless collection of

books and manuscripts in the Historian's office. He is a director of the Genealogical Society of Utah and an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple. In all these positions, and in others that he has held, he has displayed rare fidelity, integrity and devotion to the latter-day cause of the Lord. His faithful wife and four children have given him full support in his labours for family and Church. To President Lund and his family we extend a hearty welcome.—W.

CHANGES IN THE MISSION OFFICE STAFF

Elder Ralph V. Chisholm, Secretary and Treasurer of the European Mission since February, 1928, and Assistant Secretary during the preceding twelve months, has been honourably released to return to his home. He has been a willing, indefatigable and conscientious worker, devoted to the latter-day cause and its missionary activity. He retires from his responsible position with the gratitude and affectionate good wishes of his co-labourers, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his labours have been well done.

Elder Richard L. Evans, whose brilliant service as Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star* since July, 1927, is appreciated by every *Star* reader, has been appointed Secretary of the European Mission. However, he will continue his articles on the history of the British Mission.

Elder Weston W. Taylor, Assistant Secretary and Accountant, becomes Treasurer of the European Mission. The financial and statistical records will be safe in his capable hands.

Elder Weston N. Nordgren has been appointed Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star*; and Elder Ralph A. Garner, Assistant Secretary of the European Mission.

All these brethren, loyal and true in spirit and deed, enter upon their labours with the confidence and prayerful support of the Elders and Saints of the European Mission.—W.

RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENCY REORGANIZED

The members of the Church in the European Mission will be interested in the following information which appeared in the *Deseret News* of October 8th, 1928:

Louise Y. Robison Appointed New Relief Society President

Mrs. Louise Y. Robison, counselor in the General Presidency of the Relief Society for the last seven years, was sustained Sunday as General President of the Society, succeeding Mrs. Clarissa Smith Williams, who resigned.

The new President has a long record of Church activity, serving in her

first executive position as President of the Y. L. M. I. A. in the First and Emerson Wards.

She held this position until the early part of 1914, when she was made a member of the Granite Stake Relief Society Board and later was made first counselor to Mrs. Lenora Harrington, Stake President of the Society. Mrs. Robison continued in this position until 1921, when she was selected as second counselor to Mrs. Williams.

SERVED IN WAR

During the early part of the World War, Mrs. Robison studied surgical dressing work and later taught this work to a number of Red Cross nurses.

Mrs. Robison was born in Scipio, Millard County, Utah, May 27th, 1866, the daughter of Bishop Thomas and Elizabeth Frances Yates. She is the wife of Joseph L. Robison and the mother of six children, two sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Williams, the retiring President, held the position for the past seven and one-half years, succeeding the late Emmeline B. Wells.

Mrs. Williams began her Relief Society work in the Seventeenth Ward as assistant teacher in 1894, later as secretary and then as President of the ward Society. She was also Relief Society President of Salt Lake Stake. While serving in this position she was chosen General Treasurer, and in 1911 became first counselor to Mrs. Wells, serving until 1921, when she was chosen President.

Mrs. Williams is a native of Salt Lake City, having been born here April 21st, 1859, the daughter of the late George A. Smith, of the Council of the Twelve, and first counselor to President Brigham Young.

AIDED GROWTH

During her administration of the past seven and one-half years the Relief Society membership has grown from 50,000 to 60,000.

In addition to her Relief Society work, Mrs. Williams has taken an active interest in civic and social affairs. In 1914 she was one of eight delegates to represent the United States at the International Council of Women held in Rome.

Mrs. Robison has chosen as her counselors, Mrs. Amy Brown Lyman and Mrs. Julia A. Child, the former retiring from the position of General Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. Child having been for some years a member of the General Board.

Mrs. Julia A. Farnsworth Lund succeeds Mrs. Lyman as Executive Secretary.

The members of the Relief Society in the European Mission feel to give full honour and thanks to the retiring Presidency for their energetic administration during their term of office and to support with prayerful vigour the efforts of the incoming officers. We will all do our best to keep in line with the great Relief Society movement throughout the Church and to foster its spirit and ideals of progress and service amongst the entire Church membership.

All good wishes to the new Presidency!—L. D. W.

SEEKING AFTER OUR DEAD

THIS IS the title of a course of forty lessons for study in classes in genealogy, prepared under the auspices of the Genealogical Society of Utah, and published as a carefully proof-read and well-printed book of 288 pages.

The purpose of this series of lessons on methods of research in Genealogy is to bring before our people, so vitally interested in seeking after their dead, information that will guide them in their search, and afford an answer to the problems every researcher must consider, viz: 1. Why we are seeking. 2. What we are seeking. 3. Where we must seek. 4. How we should seek. Since most are already convinced of the need for discharging this, our greatest responsibility, it seems wiser to put most emphasis on *where* and *how* information is to be obtained.

The lessons, containing information gathered from far and near, are logically constructed and skilfully presented, each with an excellent summary. Lesson one is summarized as follows:

We stand at the Climax of the grand World Drama. Noble men of God in all past ages, our faithful fathers, have obtained promises from God that in the latter times their children would be given power and authority to do a work for them which would enable them to gain exaltation. Since the coming of Elijah the prophet, God has performed His part of the covenant by restoring the Priesthood to us and initiating vicarious work for the dead. Our responsibility and duty is to prepare or obtain genealogies of our forefathers, and perform in the temples the promised work in their behalf.

The lessons will be useful to all who are seriously interested in genealogical research. The Genealogical Society of Utah, together with Secretary Archibald F. Bennett and his collaborators, are to be congratulated upon the preparation and production of this fine contribution to our genealogical literature.—W.

FIRST NETHERLANDS M. I. A. CONFERENCE

IT HAS been said that the Mutual Improvement work in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints comprises the training of individuals from twelve to one hundred and twenty years of age. This was plainly shown to be true at the first conference of the Netherlands Mission Mutual Improvement Association which convened at Rotterdam, Holland, on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1928. A host of Saints, friends and interested persons of all ages listened to a varied exposition of the purpose, development and importance of the Mutual Improvement Association.

Mission President John P. Lillywhite presided at all sessions of the conference. Under his direction, Elder W. M. Chipman, Mission Superintendent of Mutuals, took charge of the services. Sister Lillian D. Lillywhite, president of the various womens' organizations of the Mission, officiated as a delegate of the General

Board of the M. I. A. in promoting and encouraging Bee Hive workers.

Friday, September 21st, was devoted to meetings for the officers and teachers from the various branches of the Rotterdam District.

The 1928-29 Mutual Slogan: "We stand for law: For the people who live it and the officers who enforce it," was one of the features of the conference. Development by obedience to law was illustrated by the Mission President and missionaries in their discourses. The people of the Netherlands were shown to be lovers of law, liberty and righteousness through their historic struggles for religions freedom in the past. Progress in the Mutual Improvement Association was based upon obedience to law, it was stated.

More than five hundred people enjoyed the life and spirit of the M. I. A. conference. Boy Scouts and Bee Hive girls took an active part in the program, as did the older people and friends, showing that the Mutual is not an exclusive Church organization, but one which allows all who are seeking for truth and righteousness to come within its scope.

Many musical selections were rendered at the various meetings by the Rotterdam and Hague choirs, the Rotterdam Glee Club, individual members, and the congregation in general, imbuing the gatherings with the spirit of music and brotherly love.

The work of the various departments of the M. I. A. was considered and discussed. The purposes, aims and ideals of the Boy Scout work, the Bee Hive and M Men programs were stated to be in harmony with the high standard of the Gospel, and incentives to greater learning and power for good. Parents and educators were asked to cooperate with the M. I. A. for the furtherance of obedience to law, and to become acquainted with the principles of the Gospel as taught in the organization.

The real value of M. I. A. work was said to be in its power to mould the lives of the young people, in making them God-fearing citizens of the Church and kingdom of Christ. They are able, through its teachings, to understand the plan of salvation, both for time and for eternity, for their temporal and spiritual welfare.

Integrity, perseverance and a respect for law are essential for all who would gain eternal salvation. Obedience to law in its imperfect mortal form is but the first step to the blessings which come from obeying the higher perfect laws of God and the eternal world.

Many strangers who were in attendance were outspoken in their praise of all that they had seen and heard, and were especially impressed with the wonderful singing of choirs and congregation. "An inspiration" was the way they summed up the conference—and indeed it was an inspiration to all who attended the splendid meetings!

WELSH CONFERENCE

ASIDE FROM the ordinary procedure, there were many features that distinguished the Autumn Conference of the Welsh District, which was held in the Memorial Hall, Varteg, Monmouth County, South Wales, on Sunday, November 4th.

Varteg is only a small coal-mining village tucked away in the valleys of South Wales, and yet a considerably greater number of people attended the meetings than are on the membership records of the entire Welsh District. Well over half the audience were inquirers, strangers—non-members of the Church; and, noticeably, the major part of the congregation was made up of men.

Memorial Hall, one of the finest in the village, built as a war memorial by volunteer labour, was readily opened—and, in fact, is used for regular meetings. The audience was courteous, and keenly cognizant of all that went on. Mr. A. Davis traveled from Cardiff to render much appreciated vocal solos. Reporters, representing several journals, were present. They followed their attendance at the meetings with personal interviews. Fair and unusual comment preceded and followed the conference. "Mormonism" appeared in scare-heads upon the front page of at least one South Wales journal for days after the gathering—and not in unfavourable light. All this made the Welsh conference successful.

Mission President John A. Widtsoe and Sister Leah D. Widtsoe attended. President Widtsoe conducted the morning class discussion. Sister Widtsoe conducted the singing. Each addressed the other two public gatherings, and the special union meeting.

District President Nathaniel E. Parry, and his co-workers, Elders Clifton G. M. Kerr, David M. Davis, Robert L. Bradford, Edward E. Morgan, Alma F. Spackman, Iver L. Larsen and Paul A. Peterson were there. Elder Hilliard L. Rose of the Birmingham District attended. Most of the missionaries were given opportunity to speak briefly. Several local brethren and sisters also bore testimony. The District President's report showed decided increases in practically every missionary activity, and in the participation of resident members.

The people of Varteg knew that the "Mormons" were in their midst; they enjoyed it—and were impressed favourably by what they heard and saw.

Experiences of an unusual nature were related by the missionaries at their meeting with the Mission President in Cardiff on the day after the conference.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Branch Conferences: Of the Bolton Branch, Manchester District, on Sunday, October 28th. A well prepared theme on the Book of Mormon was presented by Sunday School students. President J.

Rulon Doxey, Elders Alma R. Wakeling, Morris D. Ogden, Cecil H. Toone and several local officers spoke.

Of the Bristol Branch, Bristol District, on Sunday, November 4th. The Sunday School program was varied and interesting. District President Alma C. Tranter, Elders Frank S. Cragun, LaMont A. Beutler, Elmont H. Crawford and local Branch President Henry E. Neal were the speakers at the evening session.

Of the Dudley Port Branch, Birmingham District, on Sunday, November 4th. Many people attended, among whom were seventy children. The little ones are taking a keen interest in the Gospel. The speakers were President Heber J. Matkin, Elders R. LeRoy Fletcher, Fred L. Finlinson, local Elders John M. Joseph, Charles Harper and Sister Hettie Harper.

Of the Eastwood Branch, Nottingham District, on Sunday, October 28th. At the morning service a dialogue entitled "By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them" was presented by members of the Sunday School classes. President Rulon W. Stevenson, Elders John P. Hopkinson, Joseph E. Whitehead and Stanley W. Layton gave discourses. The *Eastwood and Kimberley Advertiser* published an account of the proceedings.

Of the Hull Branch, Hull District, on November 4th. The theme used by the Sunday School and carried into the evening meeting was: "The Vicarious Work for the Dead." District President Ervin R. Stoker, Elder John L. Linton and Branch President Robert H. Summers were the speakers of the day.

Of the Leeds Branch, Leeds District, on November 4th. The workers in the Leeds Branch developed the theme "The Gathering of Israel" in the Sunday School class. In attendance were President Merrill Sandberg, Elders Melvin E. Dunkley, William E. Egbert and Willis E. Bean.

Of the Nelson Branch, Liverpool District, on November 4th. Discourses were given by President L'Etrenne Andelin, Elders Dalton E. Spencer, Clarence V. Bigler and Howard J. Williams. A Sunday School class was conducted in the morning session.

Of the South Shields Branch, Newcastle District, on Sunday, October 21st. "The Temptations of Jesus" was the theme effectively discussed. Appropriate musical numbers were rendered. District President Charles E. Alsop and George Wappett, District Supervisor of Sunday Schools, attended.

Of the Stroud Branch, Bristol District, on October 28th. "The First Principles of the Gospel" were treated by Sunday School students. President Alma C. Tranter and Elder Frank S. Cragun from District headquarters and local Branch President Arthur R. Fletcher were present.

Doings in the Districts: *Birmingham*—The monthly union meeting of the Birmingham District convened in the Handsworth Chapel, November 3rd.

Hull—A special harvest festival service was held in the Grimsby Branch on Sunday, October 28th. Appropriate decorations and musical selections added to the enjoyment of those present. The fruits and vegetables were distributed to the worthy poor on the following day.

Leeds—Saturday, November 3rd, members of the Leeds District assembled in the Batley Branch meeting rooms, where they enjoyed their first real Hallowe'en party. Elder Nephi Cutler, chairman of the program, directed the activities.

Liverpool—A conference was held by the Relief Society of the Burnley Branch on Sunday, October 28th, 1928. Sister Emma Hardy, Sr., Relief Society president, conducted the program. Musical selections were rendered by several of the sisters. Many new friends were also in attendance.

At a baptismal service held Friday, November 2nd, at Durham House, Liverpool, eight persons were baptized by Elders Ralph V. Chisholm, Richard L. Evans and Alvin G. Pack, and were confirmed by Elders Chisholm, Evans, Pack, Weston N. Nordgren, Ralph A. Garner and H. Gardell Jacobson.

The missionaries of the Liverpool District convened in monthly report meeting Saturday, November 3rd, at the St. Peter's Street Assembly Hall, Blackburn. Elder H. Kenneth Brown was released, with a vote of thanks, from his labours as District Clerk and Elder Howard J. Williams was sustained in his stead.

On Saturday, November 3rd, the Blackburn Branch Sunday School members gathered at a social held in the St. Peter's Street Assembly Hall, Blackburn. The funds received will be used for the benefit of the Sunday School.

Manchester—The Bee Hive Girls of the Manchester Branch held their conference on Sunday, October 28th.

A splendid and well attended social was given by the Genealogical Society of the Hyde Branch on November 3rd.

Newcastle—A special District conference convened in the Co-operative Hall at Middlesbrough, Sunday, October 28th. The conference was the concluding feature of a tracting campaign inaugurated two months previously in the southern section of the Newcastle District, by the entire group of District missionaries. "The Articles of Faith" theme was well presented. A feeling of joyous optimism and good will permeated the meetings. District President Charles E. Alsop, Elders Charles J. Parkinson, Harold H. Blackmore, Alton A. Linford, Samuel Hill and resident Elders William Derbyshire and Thomas Dinsdale bore witness to the truth. Appropriate musical numbers were rendered by members of the West Hartlepool and Middlesbrough Branches. "Mormon" chastity was said to be outstanding—the "Mormon" people leading the world in morality. New investigators mingled with the Saints in this most impressive gathering.

Scottish—A Hallowe'en party was held in the Glasgow Branch

Hall, Wednesday, October 31st. An exceptionally large attendance helped to make the party a success and the motto of "A hundred thrills and a thousand laughs" was far exceeded. Elder Golden W. Stewart, soon to return to his home in America, was fittingly honoured.

Sheffield—The following communication has come to this office from Sister L. Moore: "The Bee Hive girls of the Barnsley Branch, Sheffield District, held their conference on Sunday, November 4th. The theme developed was 'The Scope of Bee Hive Work.' The Bee Hive girl and Womanho calls were given. Speeches were given by two of the Sheffield Bee Hive girls.

"There was quite a large congregation, and altogether, a very profitable evening was spent. It is but six months since the Bee Hive Swarm of the Barnsley Branch was organized with ten members. We are all going strong."

M Men Conference: Under the auspices of the Sheffield Branch M Men's organization, a delightful program was rendered at the Sunday evening meeting, in the Latter-day Saints' Chapel, Pitsmoor, Sheffield, on November 4th. "The First Principles of the Gospel," the "Plan of Salvation" and "Eternal Growth and Salvation" were the subjects treated.

Ulster—A meeting of the Traveling Elders of the Ulster District was held in Belfast, Ireland, Wednesday, October 24th. Each Elder present expressed a fervent desire to further the Gospel work.

A Hallowe'en social was given by the M. I. A. of the Belfast Branch, Wednesday, October 31st. A program, games and refreshments contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

Friday, November 2nd, the Relief Society of the Belfast Branch held a concert. Many musical numbers were rendered.

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